

## ABOUND IN THIS GRACE ALSO

### 2 Cor.8:7-9

2 Cor 8:7 ...*ye abound in every thing*: out in front of the pack. You excel; Certain things they needed to shore up.

1. Ephesus (Rev.2:1-7)---Good fellowship

Repent: abandoned first love.

2. Smyrna: (Rev.2:8-11) ---Victorious

3. Pergamos: (2:12-19) ---Word of God

Repent: Compromised with world

4. Thyatira: (2:18-29) ---Discernment

Repent: no preaching against sin.

5. Sardis (3:1-6) ---Equipping saints

Repent: no depth ...dead

6. Philadelphia (3:7-13) --Outreach

7. Laodicea (3:14-22)-- Lukewarm, half-hearted, wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked

Be zealous therefore, and repent...Get on fire for God and get right.

Good things about Corinthian church:

1. Faith--saving faith or supernatural faith in reference to spiritual gifts.
2. Utterance-- ability to give expression to Christian truth.
3. Knowledge--thirst for knowledge.
4. Diligence--eager and intense to serve God.
5. Love to us--sacrifice made by Corinthians for Paul and ministry team.

*...see that ye abound in this grace also.* Grace of giving.

Evidences of "*on fire Christian and Church*" never a substitute for generous giving.

2 Cor 8:8 I am not commanding you to give.

Because of the fact that there are others who are very eager to give. You are free to respond any way you wish.

*and to prove the sincerity of your love.*

See if genuinely love Lord and me, His

apostle. Giving record!

Giving motivated by love for Saviour.

No where Paul mention amount given--what matters to God is spirit...motive... heart... sacrifice

2 Cor 8:9 Supreme argument for Christian liberality in giving. Jesus made Himself poor and gave all He had to make you and I rich.

**So what?** Take the test!

Faith...utterance, knowledge, diligence, love ?

Giving?